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Mr. Steven Slaten
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Rocky Flats Office
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Re: OU 3 Record of Decision

Dear Mr. Slaten:

EPA has reviewed the draft Operable Unit (OU) 3 Corrective Action Decision/Record of Decision and finds it to be acceptable for signature with only a few minor changes necessary, as detailed below.

The last sentence of the declaration statement should be slightly revised to take out the uncertainty that it now expresses regarding the possible review of this decision in five years. This would be best accomplished by merely replacing the word "may" with the word "will" so that the sentence shall state that the decision "will be reviewed in five years, consistent with CERCLA Section 121(c), to ensure consistency with such a national standard, if one is later promulgated" In doing this, DOE would be committing to a review only in the event that national standards for the radioactive contaminants remaining in OU 3 are promulgated in the future.

The signature block for CDPHE should be changed from Thomas Looby to Howard Roitman.

On both pages 4 and 8 it is incorrectly stated that water from pond C-2 is currently pumped to the Walnut Creek diversion ditch and routed around Great Western Reservoir. Although this was the former scenario, this water is now discharged into Woman Creek and then flows into the Woman Creek Reservoir before being pumped to the Walnut Creek drainage downstream from Great Western Reservoir. This should be correctly described in the document.

The fourth paragraph on page 8 only counts three surface water impoundments in OU 3, but of course there are now actually four counting the Woman Creek Reservoir which is described elsewhere on the page. This should be corrected and the map at the end of the document should also show the location of this reservoir so that the reader is not confused about its location.

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact Gary Kleeman at 312-6246.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Rehder", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Rehder, Manager
Rocky Flats Project

cc: John Rampe, DOE
Carl Spreng, CDPHE



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